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DISPERSION OF METAL NANO-PARTICLES AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING THE SAME, AND THIN METALLIC WIRE AND METAL FILM  
AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THESE SUBSTANCES

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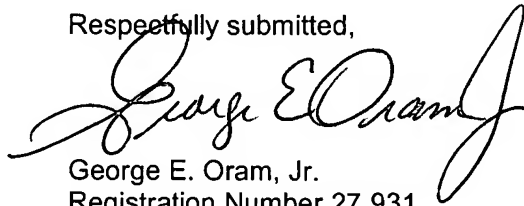
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The relevance of Japanese Publication Numbers 11-319538 and 2002-245854 is discussed in the present specification. English-language abstracts of the non-English language references are attached.

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